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NO NIGHT ACTION

ACFT NUMBER FOUR MADE FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ON 12 JANUARY AT 0937 HOURS [] FOR ONE HOUR AND FORTY EIGHT MINUTES. PILOT PARKS CO PILOT BESWICK. GROSS WEIGHT 85,000 POUNDS WITH CG 21.5 PERCENT. AB TAKEOFF AND CLIMB TO 20,000 FEET. LEVELED AT 20,000 FEET AND .90 MACH AND PERFORMED VARIOUS COMPARATIVE COCKPIT CHECKS. ITEMS INCLUDED CONTROLS, TRIM SYSTEMS, INSTRUMENTS, AIR CONDITIONING, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AS WELL AS GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY AND LAYOUT. CLIMBED TO 40,000 FEET AND ACCELERATED TO 1.2 MACH, DECELERATED TO .90 MACH AND APPROXIMATELY 30,000 FEET. ACCOMPLISHED AIR STARTS USING AFT COCKPIT IGNITION. CHECKED TRIM OVERRIDE OF AFT COCKPIT OVER FORWARD COCKPIT. GEAR EXTENSIONS MADE FROM AFT COCKPIT BOTH NORMAL AND EMERGENCY SYSTEMS. NORMAL LANDING. BRAKE CHUTE OPERATED FROM REAR COCKPIT. CHECKED NOSE GEAR STEERING AND BRAKES FROM REAR COCKPIT TAXIING IN - APPEARED TO HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IN ASSUMING CONTROL OF STEERING IN FORWARD COCKPIT ON ONE OF SHIFTS. PILOT HAD TROUBLE GETTING

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WARM AIR ON AUTOMATIC IN BEGINNING OF FLIGHT - CORRECTED ITSELF.
BAD STRUT LEAKAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED. STRUT LEAKS ALSO ENCOUNTERED
ON ACFT NUMBER THREE TODAY - DUE COLD WEATHER. NEXT FLIGHT
SCHEDULED FOR 15 JANUARY.

END OF MESSAGE

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